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SUBJ: ESMERALDA VISIT

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1. DEMONSTRATION DID OCCUR AT CHILEAN CONSULATE GENERAL ON JUNE 19, BUT PROTESTERS APPARENTLY NUMBERED RATHER LESS THAN "40-50 PERSONS" DESCRIBED BY RADM LEMAY IN REFTEL ACCOUNT. PRESS AND OTHER SOURCES INDICATE THAT PRETEXT FOR PROTEST WAS ESMERALDA VISIT. HANDBILLS CALLED FOR CANCELLATION OF PORT CALL AND "END TO U.S. AID TO THE JUNTA, FREEDOM FOR ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS, THE OPENING OF U.S. BORDERS TO CHILEAN REFUGEES AND SUPPORT OF CHILEAN RESISTANCE TO THE JUNTA." DEMONSTRATORS DEPARTED CONSULATE

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PEACEABLY AFTER ARRIVAL OF SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WHO HAD BEEN SUMMONED BY CONSULATE STAFF. DEPARTMENT UNABLE CONFIRM THAT JANIS TERUGGI WAS AMONG DEMONSTRATORS, WHO CALLED SELVES

"CONCERNED RESIDENTS OF THE BAY AREA."

2. IN VIEW INDICATIONS THAT PROTESTERS WERE GATHERING STEAM, DECISION WAS MADE IN CONJUNCTION WITH CHILEAN OFFICIALS TO HAVE ESMERALDA MOOR AT ALAMEDA NAVAL AIR STATION ACROSS BAY FROM SAN FRANCISCO RATHER THAN AT SAN FRANCISCO MUNICIPAL WHARF. ESMERALDA DOCKED UNEVENTFULLY, BUT NOT BEFORE POLICE REMOVED PROTEST SIGN FROM GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE, SAN FRANCISCO PROSTITUTES ASSOCIATION ANNOUNCED WELL-PUBLICIZED BOYCOTT,

AND COAST GUARD DIVERTED SEVERAL SMALL CRAFT FROM SHIP'S PATH. PICKETERS MATERIALIZED AT GATE OF NAVAL AIR STATION; BUT ENTHUSIASM WANED AND MOST SOON DRIFTED AWAY. SOCCER MATCH BETWEEN MIDSHIPMEN AND LOCAL TEAM WHICH WAS TO HAVE BEEN HELD JUNE 23 IN PUBLIC PARK IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO WAS SHIFTED TO TREASURE ISLAND NAVY BA'E GROUNDS AFTER REPORTS RECEIVED THAT HOSTILE ELEMENTS POSSIBLY INCLUDING MEMBERS OF BAY AREA LOCAL OF INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN AND WAREHOUSEMEN'S UNION (ILWU) INTENDED TO DISRUPT PROCEEDINGS. AMBASSADOR HEITMAN ENDURED SOME HECKLING DURING PRESS CONFERENCE JUNE 23, AND USN VEHICLE ASSIGNED TO CHILEAN NAVAL ATTACHE HAD TIRES SLASHED.

3. CONGRESSMEN HARRINGTON, STARK, AND DELLUMS HAVE JOINTLY WRITTEN SECRETARIES KISSINGER AND SCHLESSINGER URGING CANCELLATION OF VISIT. COORDINATED REPLY WILL INDICATE BELIEF THAT IT IS IN OUR MUTUAL INTEREST THAT FUTURE CHILEAN OFFICERS HAVE SUCH AN OPPORTUNITY TO GAIN A FIRST-HAND ACQUAINTANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CULTURE AND THAT DISAPPROVAL OF VISIT WOULD BE CONTRARY TO OUR POLICY OF PERMITTING SHIP VISITS ON A RECIPROCAL BASIS.

4. ASIDE FROM MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED ABOVE, VISIT IS PROCEEDING NORMALLY. ESMERALDA IS STILL SCHEDULED DEPART FOR PORTLAND ON JUNE 26. KISSINGER

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